FROM THE WORLD OF BOOKS

SECOND BOOK OF THE SMALL SOULS SERIES

Conperus's Novel Translated From the Dutch-A Colonel of the Old School.

MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS

Louis Couperus's story of "The Later Life," translated from the Dutch by Alexander Teixeira de Mattos (Dodd, Mead and Company), opens with a description of a fit of laughter on the part of Van der Welcke. It will be remembered from the story called "Small Souls" that Van der Weicke was the husband of Constance, this one. the handsomest and probably the most interesting of the Van Lowe family It was he who would have struck Van Naghel, in the earlier tale, if other members of the family had not interfered. Van Naghel had called him a pappy. The quarrel was the climax of the first book in the series of four that go to the making of the small souls history. The two men quivered with rage. Their cheeks were scarlet. So great was the tension that Bertha, wife of Van Naghel, went into hysterics, Constance fainted and "Mamma Van Lowe dropped into a chair sob-

The laughter of Van der Welcke in fashion to wear clothes only as far

way of laughing. He was deliberate ground. in seeing how funny the dream was.

er as the bed rocked under him."

his father, for when he saw his father's face, distorted and purple with his jet on the party of couldn't." The father forgot for a make him happy. moment the son's curious disability. There is a brilliant novelist in the he roared anew. The story says that he made the walls ring, that he filled the room with loud Homeric mirth. Poor Addie, convulsed and writhing in his silent joy, sought to be less amused. "Oh, father, stop!" he cried. Record is made of "the tears streaming in wet streaks down his face," and it is added that "he heaved a sigh of despair that he could not laugh like his father." He was a thoughtful boy. He felt the look and through France in "En France," by Prof. C. Fontaine of Co-

This is more of a tale than the first and her husband here do not love each ther at all. So far from that each is cupled with thoughts about someody else. Constance sits in the parlor dudying the clouds. Her husband tears away through long distances on his bicycle in order to allay the fever of his mind. Constance's husband and like little tinkling bells."

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one language into the other; he ac-

quires his grammar plecemeal, as he

to the conversational method. At the

end are connected passages for trans-

lation, the paradigms and a vocabu-

The task of preparing a text book for foreigners who wish to learn Eng-lish has been undertaken by George R.

Montgomery, Ph. D., in "Talking Eng-

lish" (Thompson, Brown and Company, Boston). The author has de-

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cal value we venture no opinion. The

exercises also seem simple and sen-

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ded one more to the editions of Shake-

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duction and also analyzes the play for

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AN ELOQUENT HERO.

to interest a child. It is illustrated with admirable pictures that help out Col. Rudolph Musgrave in James Branch Cabell's story of "The Rivet in Grandfather's Neck" (Robert M. McBride and Company) spoke in the careful and expansive fashion that used to be generally attributed to Southern gentlemen. His conversation ran in the form of orations. He built the lofty speech with deliberation and with obvious pleasure to himself as well as to others. Even in exciting moments he was calm and inclined to be humorous. When he had occasion to chastise the Earl of Pevensey he did not neglect to address the Earl in New York). The pupil begins by learning a few words and translating from

The beautiful Miss Patricia Stapylthe second book was caused by a ton's manner with this titled person, to whom she was engaged, was quite ened. He dreamt that he had been at different. We find her saying the seaside and that it had become the "crisply" to Pevensey, who in the course of a strong quarrel had asked down as the waist. The memory so her indignantly what she thought he affected him that he roared with was: "I think you are a jackass fool laughter. He called his son Addie and and a fortune hunter and a sot and a told him about the dream. This was travesty and a whole heap of other difficult, for it was so immensely things I haven't as yet had time to funny. The story says: "Van der look up in the dictionary. And I think Welcke as he told his dream in broken sentences lay shaking with laughter; gentleman? Well, all I have to say is. his whole bed shook, the sheets rose God pity England if her gentlemen and fell; he was red in the face as if are of your stamp! There isn't a on the verge of choking; he wept as costermonger in all Whitechapel who though consumed with grief; he would dare to talk to me as you've gasped for breath, threw the bedclothes | done! I would like to snatch you It is seldom that one can laugh baldheaded-I would like to kill you." e heartily the first thing in the morn- Very soothing after this was the Colonel's as he invited the large and loose The boy Addie had his own peculiar jointed Earl to a more removed

The Colonel said: "I am the owner but he was responsive in his own man- of this garden and it is not my custom ner after a little time. Regarding the to permit gentlewomen to be insulted eculiarities and the abilities of Addie in it. So I am afraid I must ask you he matter of laughter the story to leave it." He dragged the Earl out and esthetic information in his intro-"Addie had begun by listening through a gate into an open field and his usual serious face; but when continued: "It would have been imaw his father crying and gasping possble, of course, for me to have of at the end fereath, rolling about in the bed, and fered you any personal violence as rolling about in the bed, and fered you any personal violence as A revised, "centenary" edition of the vision of those sands became long as you were, in a manner, a guest well known "Course in Isaac Pitman ision of those sands became long as you was long the sands imagination he also was of mine. This field, however, is the Shorthand" is issued by Isaac Pitman ezed with irresistible laughter. But property of Judge Willoughby and and Sons, New York. The little book here I feel at liberty to thrash you." in its condensed form has proved its the had one peculiarity, that he could nere I feel at herefy to this was a most laugh outright, but shaken with nernal merriment would laugh in his masterpiece. At its conclusion the stomach without uttering a sound; Colonel said to the Earl: "You ought which this one is the culmination. now sat on the edge of his to exercise more. You are entirely father's bed rocking with silent laugh- too flabby now, you know. That path yonder will take you to the hotel tried to restrain his merriment, where. I imagine, you are staying. which had grown to threatening pro-portions. "He tried not to look at 6:15, and if I were you I would be his father, for when he saw his father's very careful not to miss that train. pany

and managed between paroxysms to book who tried to run off with the ask him whether he did not think that Colonel's wife. The Colonel intercepted the dream was funny. Remembering, the pair before breakfast on their way he roared anew. The story says that to the railway station, and his grave

he could not laugh like his father." He was a thoughtful boy. He felt the propriety of greeting noisily such a very funny dream.

Paris and through France in En (George H. Buchanan Company, Philadelphia)

"The Edge of the Crater." Will Sabin. (Parallise of the Pacific Press, Honolulu, Hawsil.) entertaining information with the book about the small souls. Constance struggle to acquire the language. The book is equipped as usual with notes. questions for conversation, a vocabulary and pictures. A reader of historical French, which is usually the simplest and clearest form of the language, has been compiled, largely from Michelet, by Emma Moffett in "Lectures Historiques" (D. C. Heath and Marianne, Constance's niece, are in Company), equipped with notes, a love with each other. The fact is bloggraphical index and a vecabulary awkward, and it is because of it that The material chosen for "A Conversa-The leugh of Marianne is tional French Reader for Beginners."
by Henry Biermann and Colman Dud-Again, as Constance sits looking at ley Frank (Allyn and Bacon, Boston). and dreaming. Brauws
He is rich, but he has america living the life of a pered by grammatical exercises and the apparatus of the conversational a fine orator. Constance listens methods. It ought to work well with Desdemona listened to a children. A story which has become ferent sort of tale. Why should a standard for the schoolroom, Ludoder Welcke and Constance be vic Halevy's "L'Abbé Constantin," has r Welcke and Constance be vic Halévy's "L'Abbé Constantin," Has It looks as though they to be, but here comes in the to be, but here comes in the constant of the company o the to be, but here comes in the and supplied with exercises on the ument and act of renuncia- verbs, notes and a vocabulary. It is will be seen by those who also illustrated (Allyn and Bacon).

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS BRIGHTEN BREAD LINE

Bright Color as They Receive Loaves.

vance agent around to fix things cheer-ful like." suggested Merry to Bright. "Guess again!" shouted Foley, the florist, sticking his head in from his

florist, sticking his head in from his shop next door.

"Aha!" exclaimed Merry. "Now I know who put the posies here."

And then Mr. Foley went on to explain that he wanted to help in the bread line and that he thought it would be pleasant to have some flowers in the window. "It will help to bring customers to you," he said, and he was right for there were thrice as many women for there were thrice as many women for there were thrice as many women in the line yesterday as on the day be-fore and double the number of men. Each received a loaf of bread. Others told THE SUN yesterday that they wanted to help in the bread line. One of them, J. B. K., who said that he

was a firm, in fact devout believer in the palatable, nourishing and sustaining properties of thick soup, wanted a soup properties of thick soup, wanted a soup kitchen established in conjunction with the bread line. The offer had to be de-clined. Another donor, of that great family known as Anonymous, contrib-uted \$5 to the bread fund. The doors of the free bread station will open to-day at the usual hour, 2 P. M.

Credit Due the "Literary Digest." THE SUN printed yesterday extracts from an article in the *Literary Digest* showing that Republican editors, Sena-tors and Representatives who have been

PUBLIC BLAMED FOR POVERTY'S HANDICAP

Unfortunates Get Glimpse of Charity Organization Society in Its Annual Report Places Responsibility.

The Sun's free bread depot, in Prince street just around the corner from the Bowery, made its daily distribution of bread yesterday at 2 P. M. under unusual circumstances. As the long line of tired and hungry men and women trudged into the little shop they saw in the window ferns, poinsettias, a Christian unmistakable holiday aspect.

Unaccustomed to receiving bread graits amid flowers, the men and women in the bread line hesitated in wonder and doubt and many of the men feared they had come to the wrong address. Even Tom Merry and Dick Bright, the guardians of the shop, couldn't understand it.

"Santa Claus must have sent his advance agent around to fix things cheerful like" suggested Merry to Bright. the report points out that for three years \$25 acres in Dutchess county, bought by the State for a farm colony, have remained idle. It urges legislation to put the farm into operation as soon as received.

The society urges that the newsstand

The society urges that the newsstand privileges under the elevated stations and at the subway klosks be let to cripples, persons with chronic heart trouble and others similarly afflicted.

One of the greatest difficulties in dealing with mental defectives and inebriates is that frequently relatives will not permit the legal steps necessary for the proper care of such persons.

The report cites as an instance the case of a woman plainly insane, who was writing threatening letters and living a miserable existence. It took the society's agents six months to prevail upon relations.

agents six months to prevail upon rela-tives to permit her to be sent to an

asylum.

The society recommends the abolish ment of such home work as crocheting, working with beads and flowers and similar occupations. "Such work is outrageously underpaid," sald the report. "It involves long hours. It induces child labor—despite the most careful inspection. Furtherpore, the competition of labor—despite the most careful inspection. Furthermore, the competition of
the contractor who has his work done in
this way is a serious menace to the
manufacturer who operates a factory
under humane and healthful conditions."
The report says that \$1.50 a day is
apparently the minimum wage in New
York, and says that this is not enough
to support the average family, which
numbers two adults and three children.

canvassed by that publication favor Elihu Root for the Republican Presidential nomination. Through an unfortunate error credit for the article was given to another weekly. The entire article appears in the current number of the Persian lines is between Teheran and Literary Digest.

CHRISTMAS TOPICS IN ALL CITY PULPITS TO-MORROW

CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST

Fixth avenue at Forty-fifth street.

Bishop Kinsolving of Brazil will preach at the 11 o'clock service. There will be the usual 8 o'clock evening service, when the rector, the Rev. Herbert Shipman, will preach at the service of the Rev. Herbert Shipman, will preach the rector.

MADISON AVENUE M. E. CHURCH—At Sixtleth street. The Rev. Worth M. Tippy, pastor, will preach at 11 A. M. Special Christmas carols 6:30 P. M. Young people's tea. 9:45 A. M. Sunday school and Bible classes.

TEMPLE BETH-EL—Fifth avenue at Seventy-sixth street. Services at 11 o'clock. Dr. Samuel Schulman will speak on "Our Idols."

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION—Fifth avenue at Tenth street. The Christmas portion of "The Messiah" will be sung at an elaborate musical service Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the full vested both, services.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

MARKLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH—
Fifth avenue at Twenty-ninth street, Dr.
Burreil will preach at 11 A. M. on "The
Painted Porch." In the evening at 8 he
will have as his theme "Samson at the
will have as his theme "Samson at the
Hill." On Thursday the Sunday school
will hold its Christmas festival in the lecture room at 7.45 P. M.

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE—The preachers will be the Very
Rev. Dean Grosvenor at 11 A. M. and at
4 P. M. the Rev. Dr. Dickinson S. Miller.
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